

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: ROLAND BASQUE  
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Title: OPTICAL SEALING CLAMP AND A METHOD FOR SEALING AND CUTTING POLYMERIC SHEETS WITH A LASER  
Examiner: Matthew J. Daniels  
Group Art Unit: 1732  
Confirmation No.: 4647

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 14, 2006. The Applicant is herein filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. A *Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal* is attached for that purpose.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 12, 26, 34, 54, and 80 to 82 are amended to clarify the subject matter and better differentiate from the prior art.

Amended claims begin on page 2 of this document.

**REMARKS**

Remarks begin on page 15 of this document.